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## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Escritorio Brasileiro do Fomento do Comercio Internacional, c/o Otto Rocha e Silva, Av. Venezuela 131, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has approached the East German Chamber for Foreign Trade (Kammer fuer Aussenhandel) (KFA) with an offer of Standard Ribbed Smoked Sheets II, that is, raw rubber in 30 or 40-kilogram sections. The firm intimated that it would sell the rubber for 30 cents per pound and stated quite clearly that initial payments must be in U.S. dollars; later payments perhaps in East German products. The KFA has already sent the South American firm a list of products which East Germany is in a position to export. East Germany wants 300 tons of the raw rubber immediately.

2. Felipe Freyre of Buenos Aires, Argentina, informed the Comité Français pour le Commerce International (French Committee for International Trade) that many Argentinian firms and interest groups are members of the Argentina committee to further world trade which was formed at the Moscow Economic Conference and are interested in establishing trade connections between East Germany and Argentina. Freyre is the leader of the Argentina committee, which is called the Comision Argentina pro Fomento del Intercambio (Argentine Committee for Promoting Trade). The French Committee passed on the gist of Freyre's remarks to the KFA. Freyre stated that members of the Argentine government, as well as foreign observers from the USSR, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia, were also interested in fostering East German-Argentinian trade.

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4. Dr. Oskar J. Bardeci, Moreno 3360, Buenos Aires, the editor of Intercambio, an Argentinian trade journal, has informed the KFA that he wants to publish another article by a member of the East German Ministry for Foreign Trade or by some other high-ranking East German. The article is intended to stimulate interest in East German-Argentinian trade.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: The East German newspaper Taegliche Rundschau reported on 11 February 1953 that Freyre had written an article in the Argentine newspaper Propositos, in which he stated that economic relations between the USSR and Argentina would have to be strengthened if Argentinian industrialization is to be successful. Freyre was chairman of the Argentinian delegation to the Moscow Economic Conference in 1952.

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